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Mr. Dean Nygard, Chief, Remediation Bureau Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 1410 N. Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

SUBJECT:

Transmittal of the Draft Proposed Plan For Waste Area Group (WAG) 4 Remedial

Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Report – (OPE-ER-30-99)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

You will find enclosed the draft Proposed Plan for the WAG 4 Comprehensive RI/FS. The Proposed Plan summarizes the field investigation, baseline risk assessment, and feasibility study. The preferred alternatives at the three WAG 4 sites are:

- CFA-04 Pond excavate, treat, and dispose on-site.
- CFA-08 Sewage Treatment Plant drainfield containment.
- · CFA-10 Transformer Yard excavate, treat, and dispose off-site.

A sidebar comment in the plan also contains a brief discussion of nitrate/nitrite found in groundwater monitoring wells as a result of the post-Record of Decision monitoring for OU 4-12. We will either complete a new site identification form for the nitrate groundwater contamination, or we will handle the groundwater under the OU 4-12 Post-ROD Monitoring Plan and 5-year review. The WAG 4 managers will recommend an action in the near future.

Per the FFA/CO, Section VIII.D.8.13, this document is subject to a thirty (30) day period for review and comment (March 19, 1999). We are scheduled for a CAB presentation on the proposed plan on March 16th and would appreciate receiving your comments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol A. Hathaway at (208)526-4049 or me at (208)526-4392.

Sincerely,

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